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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Christopher M. Jones § GROUP ART UNIT: 1732  
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SERIAL NO.: 10/618,781 §  
§ EXAMINER: Leo B. Tentoni  
FILED: July 14, 2003 §  
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FOR: Method for Preparing and §  
Processing a Sample for Intensive §  
Analysis §

Customer No.: 46133  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Before considering the present application further on its merits, Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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